GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA

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IRREGULARITIES IN ALLOTMENT OF PCOS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any complaints regarding irregularities and corruption in the allotment of Public Call Offices (PCOs) in the rural areas of the country ;

(b) if so, the details thereof during the last three years and till date ; and

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS

(SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN)

(a) Yes, Sir. Some complaints have been received.

(b) & (c): These complaints were regarding non-observance of priority, unauthorised allotment/installation and sanctioning PCOs without observing prescribed formalities. All these complaints were duly investigated and necessary disciplinary/administrative action was taken against the guilty officials wherever warranted. Further, it is stated that as per the latest guidelines, the allotment procedure has been liberalised.